

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An analysis apparatus for spotting a sample on ~~the a~~ dry analysis element and analyzing the sample for its composition by measurement and calculation based on analytical information corresponding to the dry analysis element information, the analysis apparatus comprising:
 - a reading device for reading out the dry analysis element information attached to ~~a the~~ dry analysis element,
 - wherein~~[[:]]~~ the dry analysis element information attached to the dry analysis element includes at least reagent lot information for correcting reagent-lot-specific variations; and
 - the analysis apparatus further comprising ~~has~~ an error handling ~~function-processing~~ device wherein the error handling processing device has a function to calculate the analysis result based on pre-obtained analytical information corresponding to the reagent lot and add ~~the a~~ caution mark to the analysis result to attract attention, when the reagent lot information is not read out successfully.
2. (canceled).
3. (currently amended): ~~An~~ The analysis apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the analysis apparatus is adapted ~~further having a re-calculation function~~ to re-calculate the analysis result when normal reagent lot information is input to correct the analysis result to which the

caution mark was added.

4. (currently amended): ~~An~~ The analysis apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the dry analysis element is attached with the element information in the form of an arrayed pattern of dots.

5. (currently amended): An automatic analysis apparatus for spotting a sample on the dry analysis element and analyzing the sample for its composition by measurement and calculation based on analytical information corresponding to the element information, the automatic analysis apparatus comprising:

a reading device for reading out element information attached to a dry analysis element, wherein ~~[[.]]~~ the element information attached to the dry analysis element includes reagent type information defining a measuring item, and reagent lot information for correcting reagent-lot-specific variations; the reading device ~~can read~~ reads out the reagent type information during reading the element information; and

the automatic analysis apparatus further comprising ~~has an~~ error handling ~~function~~ device, wherein said error handling device has a function to calculate the analysis result based on pre-obtained analytical information corresponding to the reagent lot and add the a caution mark to the analysis result to attract attention, when the reagent lot information is not read out successfully.

6. (currently amended): ~~An~~ The automatic analysis apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the analysis apparatus is adapted ~~further having a re-calculation function~~ to re-calculate the

analysis result when normal reagent lot information is input to correct the analysis result to which the caution mark was added.

7. (currently amended): ~~An~~The automatic analysis apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the dry analysis element is attached with the element information in the form of an arrayed pattern of dots.

8. (withdrawn): An automatic analysis apparatus for spotting a sample on a dry analysis element and analyzing the sample for its composition by measurement and calculation based on analytical information corresponding to element information attached to the dry analysis element, the automatic analysis apparatus comprising a reading device for reading out the element information, wherein: the element information attached to the dry analysis element includes reagent type information defining a measuring item, and reagent lot information for correcting reagent-lot-specific variations; the element information readout processing by the reading device is previously set to disregard a reagent lot of a specific reagent type; and the automatic analysis apparatus further has a function to subject the dry analysis element, from which the reading device reads the reagent type information designated to disregard the reagent lot, to calculation processing for determining the analysis result based on pre-obtained analytical information irrespective of the condition when the reagent lot information is read.

9. (withdrawn) An automatic analysis apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the dry analysis element is attached with the element information of the dry analysis element in the form of an arrayed pattern of dots.

10 (new): The analysis apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the error handling processing comprises: registering the plurality of analytical information pieces in advance, selecting a proper analytical information piece based on the reagent lot information attached to the dry analysis element, and calculating the analysis result using a proper analytical information piece.

11. (new): A method for spotting a sample on a dry analysis element and analyzing the sample for its composition by measurement and calculation based on analytical information corresponding to the dry analysis element information, the method comprising:

reading out the dry analysis element information attached to the dry analysis element, wherein the dry analysis element information attached to the dry analysis element includes at least reagent lot information for correcting reagent-lot-specific variations; and an error handling function to calculate the analysis result based on pre-obtained analytical information corresponding to the reagent lot and add a caution mark to the analysis result to attract attention, when the reagent lot information is not read out successfully.

12 (new): The method according to claim 11, wherein the error handling processing comprises: registering the plurality of analytical information pieces in advance, selecting a proper analytical information piece based on the reagent lot information attached to the dry analysis element, and calculating the analysis result using a proper analytical information piece.

13. (new): The method according to claim 11, wherein when the reagent lot information of the dry analysis element is not successfully read out, the analysis result is calculated, without interrupting the measurement, using one of the analytical information pieces corresponding to any reagent lots.

14. (new): An analysis apparatus for spotting a sample on a dry analysis element and analyzing the sample for its composition by measurement and calculation based on analytical information corresponding to the dry analysis element information, the analysis apparatus comprising:

means for reading out the dry analysis element information attached to the dry analysis element,

wherein the dry analysis element information attached to the dry analysis element includes at least reagent lot information for correcting reagent-lot-specific variations; and

the analysis apparatus further comprising an error handling means for calculating the analysis result based on pre-obtained analytical information corresponding to the reagent lot and adding a caution mark to the analysis result to attract attention, when the reagent lot information is not read out successfully.

15. (new) The analysis apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the analysis apparatus is further having a re-calculation means to re-calculate the analysis result when normal reagent lot information is input to correct the analysis result to which the caution mark was added.

16. (new): The analysis apparatus according to claim 14, wherein when the reagent lot information of the dry analysis element is not successfully read out, the analysis result is calculated, without interrupting the measurement, using one of the analytical information pieces corresponding to any reagent lots.